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MIDDLEBURG.

W. P. Thomas went to Madison county last week on business.

John Snow, the Yosemite jeweler, died on the 22d of consumption.

Peach trees are in full bloom and much fear is entertained for the safety of that fruit.

Wheat is growing very rapidly, and farmers fearing a late freeze, are grazing it down with sheep and cattle.

Albert Kegney, who left here some two weeks ago to hunt employment, has secured a position with Peter Banger & Co., wholesale druggists, at Louisville. Albert is a good boy and everybody here are glad to hear of his good luck.

The action of the white caps in whipping Shel Thompson and the Colyer family at Duncan on the night of the 18th seems to be commended by every good citizen throughout the county. Thompson had deserted his wife and had taken up with Ida Colyer, and said to be stealing everything he could lay his hands on. Forch Leach had a hog stolen from a pen within 50 yards of his house, and all his chickens, except one rooster, was taken one night lately. Corn cribs were raided and smoke houses and gardens in the neighborhood were not spared. Neighbors say that Thompson's wife was frequently without food and when she upbraided for his conduct with the Colyer woman, he would whip her. But he and they paid dearly for their fun. Those who have visited the spot where they were whipped say there is abundance of evidence that the work was well done. Thompson returned home and gave directions as to feeding his stock, after which he went to Kingsville and in company with Ida Colyer took a South bound train, and has not since been seen in the community. We are opposed to mobs, but we must admit that they sometimes do good. We are sure that good has been accomplished in this case. A gentleman from that section tells us that since the departure of Thompson locks are selling at half price and dull sale at that, and that decent people can sleep peacefully at night, a pleasure they have not enjoyed for more than 12 months.

MT. VERNON.

The scourge of fever seems to have passed.

The Good Time Club met with Miss Ray Jones last Friday evening.

The water in W. B. Smith's new well tastes so strongly of coal oil that he is unable to use it.

Tom Cross, the wide-awake insurance man, seems to be kept busy for besides this branch of business, he is buying cattle.

The gold medal was won last Wednesday evening by Miss Ida Tyree, of Pittsburg. The judges were Mrs. Mary McKinney, Messrs. T. S. Arthur, of Williamsburg, and T. G. Gilgore, of Louisville.

The W. C. T. U. held memorial services in honor of Miss Francis E. Willard at the Christian church last Sunday evening. There was a good attendance and all passed off pleasantly.

Mr. Kreuger has moved into his brick over J. J. Baker's store. Mr. Kreuger recently refused \$3,000 for this piece of property, yet a large lot with a commodious and handsome residence of eight rooms just adjoining, sold recently at the sheriff's sale for \$625, showing what trickery can do.

Dr. E. J. Brown came up from Stanford Sunday. Miss Jessie McNeal, a little beauty of Pittsburg, was the guest of Mrs. James Landrum last week. Jack Lawrence has returned from Rowland. Misses Sallie Cook and Algie L. Brown came in to attend the contest. Miss Mary Williams, of Cove, spoke in the gold medal contest. Henry Brannaman, of Wildie, was in town last week. E. Herron moved to Livingston last week and Nelson Griffin moved into his house. Hiram McKinney has been to Pulaski on business. Sam Ward, of Livingston, was in town Friday. Miss Bessie Sparks came up to visit relatives here last week. Mrs. Georgia Ann Coyle has returned from a visit to Pittsburg. The Misses August were in town last week viewing property with an eye to locating here it is rumored. Mr. Willis Adams has a vein of most valuable red sandstone on his farm, for which parties are negotiating with a view to opening a quarry at once.

The State board of health advises that each town and city at once pass and enforce a compulsory vaccination ordinance, beginning with the colored race, but reaching everybody; that isolation hospitals or tents, and suitable ground for their location be secured; that visiting and strange Negroes be hunted out, vaccinated and kept under observation, and especially that physicians practicing amongst Negroes be instructed as to the difficulty of recognizing mild cases of small-pox and varioloid in this race and of the importance of calling in experienced council in every doubtful or suspicious case.

LIBERTY.

Circuit court begins next Monday. The river has been past fording several days recently.

The Casey County Progress published its first edition last week. W. B. Cochran is its editor. It is well edited, has a good appearance and is calculated to be successful.

Mr. Thomas Hines and Miss Cora Adams, of the Fishing Creek community, were married last Wednesday. Master Clarence Rowe, of Jamestown, is visiting his sister Mrs. W. C. Adams.

There is a strong sentiment springing up here in favor of building a good bridge across the river at either the upper or lower ford. It is hoped that the enterprise will be undertaken at once.

It is the fixed determination of the people along Green river to stop the seining and dynamiting raids made every year on the fish by parties from outside the county. People of this county are obliged to respect the law and they propose to watch suspicious parties coming in and report them to the officers and have them arrested at once should they undertake to violate the fish laws.

Miss Anna Belden, who was quite sick about well now. Miss Julia Stag writes from the Joseph Price Infirmary that she has been cured of her throat trouble and will be at home in a short time. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Prewitt, and J. P. Wilkinson are in Louisville. Mrs. Bettie Woodson and daughter, Miss Mary, of Kidd's Store, are visiting Mrs. John Moore. Judge J. D. Belden and wife were summoned to Lebanon a few days ago to see their son James, who had suddenly become insane. He has been in poor health for some time and his insanity is believed to be due to this condition.

A convention, something of importance, entirely novel and a terror to old bachelors will be held at the courthouse the evening of the first day of court, April 4th. The fact that conventions precede campaigns is where the bachelor gets scared. And why, you ask, should they be worried? Conventions have always been held and no old bachelor is more affected than any one else. But this convention, allow me to say, is a convention of the bachelors' enemy, the old maid. It is to be an "old maids' convention." For some time there have been signs of excitement by day and sounds of confusion by night among one half, (the better half of the population of the town, from early till late the "rapture giving" maidens are moving hurriedly up and down, halting in groups and holding smothered conferences or congregating in the court house from whence come sounds weird and ominous. All this is incidental to the great preparations which are being made for the convention. In fact it will be a campaign as well. For any bachelor, be he antiquated or otherwise who beholds the members of that convention on that occasion, will throw down his arms (if he can't throw them any where else) and surrender heart and hand to their attractions. Prof. Caldwell, who had charge of a similar entertainment at Lancaster recently, has been engaged to train the participants for the occasion. A brass band will be in evidence between the acts. It will be the funniest thing ever seen in the county and every one should see it. A small admission fee will be charged, the proceeds to go toward furnishing the new church.

SOMERSET.

Several horse and mule buyers from Lincoln and Boyle counties have been here for the past few days buying good fat horses and mules. They only purchased a few, as but few filled the requirements. The average Pulaskian takes no pride in his horse stock, consequently but few horses in this county are marketable ones.

Small-pox has not reached this section yet, but a supposed case is reported at Dabney, some 15 miles from this point. There seems to be a wonderful dread against the disease by the people of this city and while nearly all of them have been vaccinated, still should it break out here, what a scattering of the natives there would be.

J. C. Beckham, of Shelby county, democratic candidate for the nomination of judge of the court of appeals in this district, made a lively speech here Saturday afternoon in his behalf. There are two others in the race, John S. Kelley, of Bardstown, and James Garnett, of Columbia. We understand the race will be interesting and close from start to finish, but there is no doubt that Garnett will get the instructions from this county. We have no choice in the matter and here's hoping the best man may get there and the devil take the hindmost.

Prohibition may prohibit in some places, but Somerset is one place where it does not. While the county went dry over 2,200 majority and all the licensed saloons have closed, yet by what

is known as "blind tigers" you can get the stuff in any quantity and at any time. Some time ago the operators of these "blind tigers" were arraigned in court and fined, but for the past few weeks they have been running wide open and it goes without saying the trade has been more than excellent. Whose fault it is that they are allowed to carry on their business we do not undertake to say, but ask the question after a majority of the voters have said by their ballots to have prohibition, why don't we have it?

Court has now been in session for a week and many cases have been disposed of. The most important one tried was Satterfield for the killing of Smith at Burnside last summer. The case was given to the jury Saturday morning and at this writing (Sunday) no verdict has yet been returned, though the general opinion is that a good size term in the pen will be his reward. The grand jury found an indictment for murder against Robert Colyer, for the killing of James Wickersham, and his trial is set for next Thursday. A great number of indictments have been returned so far, a majority of which, we are informed, are for totting fire arms and bartering mean whisky. A couple of more murder cases are yet to be tried, besides a heavy docket of civil cases and the full term of four weeks may be taken up by the court. V. R. C.

GOV. MCCREARY.

THE PAPERS STILL SINGING PRAISES. If the democrats of the 8th district act wisely they will give Gov. McCreary the nomination by acclamation, which would be equivalent to election with him as the nominee, and as he did in the past so would he in the future represent them ably, industriously and faithfully upon the floor of Congress.—Mt. Sterling Sentinel-Democrat.

No one can question the fact that Mr. McCreary's past services in Congress demonstrated his usefulness, his indefatigable zeal for business and a creditable degree of ability that found expression in the form of practical legislation. He was a clean, active, capable member of Congress in the past and there is no reason to conclude he would be otherwise in the future.—Harrodsburg Democrat.

During his long service Mr. McCreary was a faithful public servant, always keenly alive to the interests of his constituents, and from the outset held a prominent position in the House, serving when the democrats were in control as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. When the president came to appoint the Monetary Commission Mr. McCreary was one of the three men selected and he served with distinguished ability. Mr. McCreary unquestionably has a strong hold on the people in this district and his formal entrance in the race promises to make it a memorable one.—Shelby Sentinel.

There are many good and deserving democrats in the Eighth, but in the long list there is no name that would arouse more enthusiasm than that of James B. McCreary. He is an able and skilled politician who never knows how to tire or be defeated, and if he wins the nomination the small calibered republican statesmen of that district may start in with the idea of having the best politician and the most invincible stump and hand-shaker in the State to contend with. McCreary's nomination would mean McCreary's election.—Dr. John D. Woods in Bowling Green Courier.

The announcement, of Hon. James B. McCreary, for the democratic nomination for Congress in this district, is a source of proud satisfaction to his many warm friends in this county. Having led the democratic party to victory so often, he is looked upon by many, as a political necessity—a Moses to lead the democrats out of the wilderness into which they were led in 1896. His repeated victories have caused him to be named the political Napoleon, and the comparison is good, excepting the fact that he has never seen a Waterloo, and his friends claim that he will not be defeated if nominated this time. His official career, as model governor and congressman, for several terms, has made for him a host of admirers, who point with pride to his record and claim that he is the only man that can redeem the Eighth district to their party.—Lancaster Record.

After hearing an argument in a case, a Georgia justice said: "I'm sorter mixed in this here matter, an' I'll preserve my decision." "About what time judge," said the lawyer, "will you dish out them preserves?" "Thar's no tellin'!" replied his honor. "I've got a sight o' plowin' to do an' 'erbout 10 acres ter fence in. Jest take the prisoner ter jail till fall."

A dispatch from Richmond, Va., said that when that point was reached by the Kentucky excursionists to the launching, not a drop of water was found in any of the 10 Pullman cars. The railroad employees made the discovery, there having been no complaint from the passengers.

LANCASTER.

Our doctors have vaccinated over 1,000 people and the work is still going on.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Corminy, of Stanford, were here with relatives and friends on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Charles Frisbie is circulating a petition asking the post-office department to give us a Sunday mail. Nearly everybody is signing it. There is a disposition to fall in line with our sister cities, and not be a day behind in receiving the news.

Capt. Louis Landrum has returned from Washington, satisfied with his prospects of getting the pension bill for his mother through the Senate, it having passed the House. Dr. Lawrence, of Missouri, has arranged to locate here, having rented the office of the late Dr. W. S. O'Neal on Lexington avenue.

A protest against a Sunday mail is being circulated and it makes considerable difference whose ox is gored as it is said that Postmaster West is opposed to any change in the present system and was in favor of the Sunday mail continuing when we had it before, but a man has a right to change his views on any subject.

War now seems inevitable and our people are willing to furnish their part in any possible way to aid in freeing the oppressed island and getting satisfaction for the destruction of the Maine. One of our citizens became so patriotic when he heard that the supply of powder was insufficient that he offered to go around to the stores and get all the powder he could and ship it to Washington. He also suggested that Cleveland caused the deficiency by going duck hunting so often.

Gov. Worthington pardoned Geo. Huffman, who was sent from this county for eight years two years ago, on the charge of assaulting a young girl in the Bryansville vicinity. At the time there was considerable excitement over the occurrence, but it is claimed by some who ought to know, that he should have been pardoned and that there were circumstances connected with the case, which, if brought to light on the trial, would have caused an acquittal. As the cigarette bill has also been vetoed on what is said to be a constitutional ground, it hoped that the constitution will be amended some day so as to allow the passage of some desirable bills.

Circuit court convened again on Friday and after disposing of everything that was ready for trial, adjourned finally. Mr. J. I. Hamilton was sworn in as a member of the bar. The amount to be paid for jury service is only \$504 and the fines and forfeitures is \$89. A suit for \$3,000 has been filed against Mr. J. I. Hamilton by Mrs. Rice Burnside for damages alleged to have been sustained by her when a trotting horse which was being exhibited by Mr. Hamilton in this city, ran into her vehicle, broke it into pieces and did damage to her. It is claimed by Hamilton that the occurrence was unavoidable and that the amount claimed is out of all proportion to the damage done, even if it had resulted from negligence on his part.

Beautiful flowers, soul-thrilling music and the charms of eloquence held a large audience for two hours at the Christian church on Sunday night, it being memorial services of Miss Frances E. Willard, late president of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Margaret Gill presided. The inscription: "How beautiful it is to be with God" appeared in living green over the pulpit and the portrait of the deceased appeared on the same canvas. Mrs. G. M. Patterson presided at the organ and had prepared the music, throughout which was happily interspersed, a number of children opening and solos and quartettes being rendered by our best vocalists. Rev. Clark spoke of the deceased as a type of Christian womanhood; Rev. Faulconer showed what a friend she was to mankind and Eld. Gowen spoke of her as a teacher of temperance. The remarks, the music and the exercises throughout were beautiful, appropriate and impressive.

A 51-pound tumor was taken from Mrs. Susan Crow at Lexington. An acre devoted to the culture of bananas yields 133 times as much money as an acre of wheat.

The largest diamond in the world is offered for sale in London for \$5,000,000.

At Fort Scott, Kas., Miss Isabel Darlington, a young woman attorney of Westchester, Pa., refused to testify in a case involving her client, tore the contempt warrant to pieces, grappled with an officer and jumped aboard a train as it was moving out of the depot.

J. Harvey Overstreet has been expelled from the Hill Street Methodist church at Lexington, after a lengthy trial. Some time ago he bit the fingers of a committeeman who asked him not to sit in the choir. It is also charged that he said he would break the d-d choir up.

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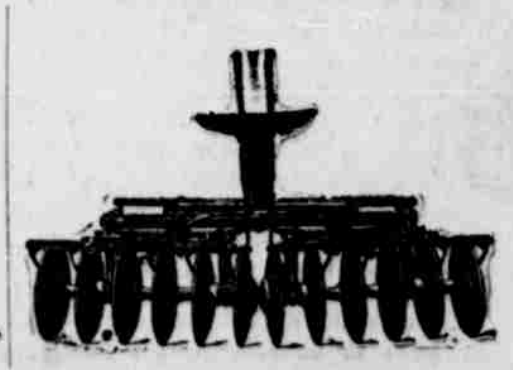
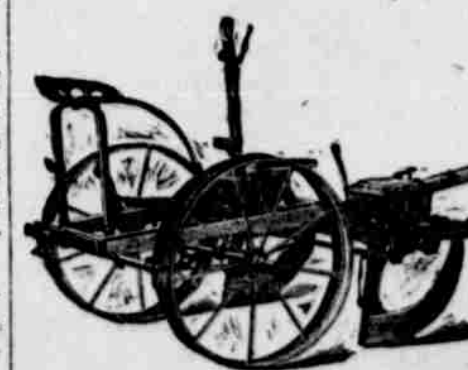
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